Super speciality hospitals

3506. DR. K. MALAISAMY:
SHRI S. ANBALAGAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the Railways is concerned with establishing super speciality hospitals also in certain cities;

(b) if so, what are the important centres identified for this purpose and the stage of progress;

(c) what are the centres proposed in Tamil Nadu; and

(d) whether this move would divert the attention of the Railways and its resource from its main task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Railways are constructing Central hospital for East Central Railway at Patna with Super Speciality wings in Cardiology and Nephrology, which is likely to be completed by March, 2009. There is plan to construct Cancer-Cardiac Centre at Northern Railway Central Hospital, New Delhi, two Cardiac Centres, one at Jagjivan Ram hospital, Western Railway, Mumbai, and the other at B. R. Singh hospital Eastern Railway, Howrah. It is also proposed to upgrade the Cancer Research Institute of North Eastern Railway at Varanasi.

(c) There is a proposal to upgrade the existing Super Speciality (Cardiology) hospital at Perambur, Chennai by providing a new hospital complex building.

(d) No, Sir.

Extra payment for reservation of tickets

†3507. SHRI JABIR HUSAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that computerized system for rail ticket reservation is in operation almost in the entire country;

(b) whether it is a fact that railway passengers have to pay extra money of Rs. 10 per ticket passenger if they reserve their ticket from place other than the place of starting of journey; and

(c) if so, the justification thereof and the total amount received by Railway on this account in the year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reservation fee for tickets booked for journeys originating from other than the ticket booking station was increased by Rs. 10/- to Rs. 20/- since February 2006, depending on the class of travel and type of train.

(c) The increase was made to recover the additional expenditure involved in maintenance

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.